

Great New Books for K-5 Classrooms

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Science, Technology, and the Natural World

Fajardo, Sara Andrea. *Alberto Salas Plays Paka Paka Con la Papa*. Illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal. Roaring Brook Press, 2025. 40 pages (978-1-250-83861-2)

Tak, Bibi Dumon. *My Presentation Today Is About the Anaconda*. Translated from the Dutch by Nancy Forest-Flier. Illustrated by Annemarie van Haeringen. U.S. edition: Levine Querido, 2025. 223 pages (978-1-64614-510-2)

Historical People, Places, and Events

Preus, Margi. *Snowshoe Kate and the Hospital Built for Pennies*. Illustrated by Jaime Zollars. Abrams, 2025. 40 pages (978-1-4197-5671-9)

Biography, Autobiography, and Memoir

Connors, Jerrold. *Jim! Six True Stories About One Great Artist: James Marshall*. Dial / Penguin Random House, 2025. 66 pages (978-0-593-85934-6)

Kastner, Emmy. *Outside In and the Inside Out: A Story About Arnold Lobel*. Viking / Penguin Random House, 2025. 40 pages (978-0-593-69250-9)

Contemporary People, Places, and Issues

Crull, Kelly. *The Black Mambas: The World's First All-Woman Anti-Poaching Unit*. Millbrook Press / Lerner, 2025. 40 pages (979-8-7656-2725-9)

Lucianovic, Stephanie V. W. *Not Like Every Day*. Illustrated by Gabrielle Grimard. Random House / Penguin Random House, 2025. 32 pages (978-0-593-65222-0)

Poetry

Sidman, Joyce. *Dear Acorn (Love, Oak): Letter Poems to Friends*. Illustrated by Melissa Sweet. Clarion / HarperCollins, 2025. 40 pages (978-0-35-833476-7)

Picture Books

Alcántara, Jacqueline. *Tíos and Primos*. Nancy Paulsen Books / Penguin Random House, 2025. 32 pages (978-0-593-62013-7)

Awan, Jashar. *Every Monday Mabel*. Simon & Schuster, 2025. 40 pages (978-1-6659-3815-0)

Burgess, Matthew. *Fireworks*. Illustrated by Cátia Chien. Clarion / HarperCollins, 2025. 40 pages (978-0-06-321672-3)

Landry, Andrea. *Rez Kid*. Illustrated by Isabella Fassler. Kids Can Press, 2025. 32 pages (978-1-5253-1125-3)

Ransome, James E. *A Place for Us*. Nancy Paulsen Books / Penguin Random House, 2025. 32 pages (978-0-593-32488-2)

Spillett, Tasha. *Raven's Ribbons*. Illustrated by Daniel Ramirez. Little, Brown, 2025. 24 pages (978-0-316-42216-1)

Books for Beginning Readers

Panckeri, Drew. *Duck and Cat Ride the Riverboat*. (I Like to Read Comics) Holiday House, 2025. 40 pages (978-0-8234-6051-9)

Books for Newly Independent Readers

Fong, Debbie. *The Faraway Forest: Wally's Route*. Colors by Kayla Catanzaro. Chronicle, 2025. 73 pages (978-1-7972-3041-2)

Fiction for Children

Nayeri, Daniel. *The Teacher of Nomad Land: A WWII Story*. Levine Querido, 2025. 181 pages (978-1-64614-566-9)

Rhodes, Jewell Parker. *Will's Race for Home: A Western*. Little, Brown, 2025. 196 pages (978-0-316-29933-6)

Watson, Renée. *All the Blues in the Sky*. Bloomsbury, 2025. 182 pages (978-1-5476-0589-7)

Telgemeier, Raina, and Scott McCloud. *The Cartoonists Club*. Graphix / Scholastic, 2025. 261 pages (pbk. 978-1-338-77721-5)

Ferry, Beth. *Growing Home*. Illustrated by the Fan Brothers. Simon & Schuster, 2025. 261 pages (978-1-6659-4248-5)